



Department of New Jersey Marine Corps League Convention Minutes
31 May 2024 – 1 June 2024

31 May 2024

Department of New Jersey Marine Corps League Commandant Michael Waluk opened the convention at 0904 with the Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplain duties were performed by Honorary Past Department Commandant Don Mack. The Sgt, at Arms draped the Charter in remembrance of our departed members. Commandant Waluk dedicated the 96th Convention to Robert Swain, Robert Ball and Charlie Fields.

Roll Call of Officers:

Commandant: Michael Waluk-Present
Senior Vice Commandant: Christopher Soldano-Present
Junior Vice Commandant: Robert Sheppard-Present
Judge Advocate: William Sebastien-Present
Paymaster: Tony Modzelewski-Present
Adjutant: Karen Neary-Present
Chaplain: Paul Thompson-Excused
Sgt. At Arms: Jason Hauck-Present

Commandant Waluk addressed the members and guests, welcomed all to the 96th Dept. of NJ MCL Convention, thanked all for their attendance, and expressed his gratitude to all who helped in any way over the past year. He also shared his plan for the coming year and pledged his support to the newly elected officers. His remarks are in his report which is attached to the minutes.

Adjutant called the Roll Call of Detachments. A quorum was present with 14 detachments represented.

Commandant Waluk recognized the Past Department Commandants: Bill Wilson; RoseMary Fleming; Tony Modzelewski; Doug Rattazzi Honorary Past Department Commandant Don Mack.

Commandant Waluk recognized the Marine Corps League Auxiliary officers: Past National President, Northeast Division Vice President and Department of Pennsylvania President Ruth Moyse; Past Northeast Division Vice President Sydney Minchin; Department of New Jersey Marine Corps League Auxiliary President Susanne Miller; Past Presidents Department of New Jersey Marine Corps League Auxiliary Carrie McIntosh and Andrea McIntosh; Dept. of NJ MCLA Madam Big Flea Amy Bastien.

Commandant Waluk recognized: Past National Commandant Dennis Tobin; Past National Northeast Division Vice Commandant, National Past Chief of Staff, and Past Department Commandant Tony Modzelewski; Past National Chief of Staff Tony Modzelewski; 51st Honorable Past Chief Devil Dog Don Garland; Past Northeast Division Chief Devil Dog Bobbieann Swain; Northeast Division Vice Chief Devil Dog Jason Hauck; National Northeast Division Vice Commandant Michael Waluk; Honorable Bits and Bites Dog Christopher Soldano; Past Department Marines of the Year; Past Department Associates of the Year.

Commandant Waluk dedicated the 96th Convention to Robert “Bob” Swain, Robert “Bobby” Ball, Charlie Fields and PDC Matthew Jordan.

Commandant Waluk invited Bobbieann Swain to address the membership. Bobbieann shared information about her great granddaughter who is now 8 months old and was born with hydrocephalus and other health problems. The baby will be having skull reconstruction surgery on 2 July 2024. Bobbieann stated that the baby is a determined little girl. She asked that we keep her in our prayers. Bobbieann also thanked all for their support on the loss of her husband Robert “Bob” Swain.

Commandant Waluk invited Department of New Jersey Marine Corps League Auxiliary President Susanne Miller to address the members. Madam President expressed heartfelt gratitude to the League for their support. She also expressed her best wishes as we gather at this 96th Department of New Jersey Convention to celebrate camaraderie, service and dedication to our combined mission. Together we create a powerful force to uplift those who have sacrificed so much for our nation. She asked that as we begin the convention we reflect on the service and sacrifice of the brave men and women who have served our country. On behalf of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary, she expressed sincere appreciation to the League for their service, help, and support. She also expressed thanks and appreciation to Senior Vice Commandant Christopher Soldano for providing the outstanding accommodation of a meeting room for the MCLA. She wished all a successful and productive convention.

Commandant Waluk thanked Senior Vice Christopher Soldano for having the audio files from our convention last year. Commandant Waluk spent three days transcribing the minutes. An email was sent to all department commandants for their perusal and to share with their members. A motion was made to accept the minutes from our 95th Department of New Jersey Marine Corps League Convention as disseminated by Senior Vice Commandant Christopher Soldano, seconded by Joe White and carried.

Officer Reports:

Commandant:

To: Board of Trustees – Department of New Jersey Marine Corps League
From: Michael Waluk, Commandant Department of New Jersey Marine Corps League
CC: Karen Neary, Adjutant Department of New Jersey Marine Corps League
RE: Quarter 4 Report Events & Meetings

- 24 Apr. Attended the ROAD Detachment meeting
- 25 Apr. Installed the officers of Passaic County Detachment

- 28 Apr – 3 May, Attended Modern Day Marine at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, D.C.
- 4 May Attended the John Basilone Detachment meeting
- 6 May Installed the officers of the Dorn Detachment
- 8 May Attended the Jedh C. Barker Detachment meeting
- 9 May Installed the officers of the Cpl. Kevin J. Reinhard Detachment
- 10 May Installed the officers of the Giordano Detachment
- 11 May Attended a Fund Raiser for the Central Jersey Leathernecks Det.
- 13 May Installed the officers of the Martin Danowski Detachment
- 14 May Installed the officers of the Bayonne Detachment
- 15 May Attended the West Hudson Detachment meetings
- 17 May Met with the leadership of the Reinhard Detachment
- 21 May Attended the J.J. Gardner Detachment meeting
- 22 May Attended the Elizabeth High School MCJROTC Awards Presentation
- 25 May Attended the Memorial Day Remembrance at the Brigadier General Wm. C. Doyle Cemetery in Wrightstown, NJ
- 26 May Attended the Maj. Samuel Nicholas Memorial Ceremony in Phila.,PA.
- 27 May Attended the Vietnam Veteran Memorial Remembrance at the Vietnam Memorial in Holmdel, NJ
- 18 Events were attended this quarter
- 131 Events for the Department of NJ were attended in total

HOMEcoming 250

- The Department of New Jersey Marine Corps League is now among those who endorse this endeavor.

YOUTH PHYSICAL FITNESS:

- I attended an all JROTC/YPF Awards Ceremony at Elizabeth High School.

SCOUTING

- All final numbers for scouting need to be reported by 30 June 2024.

HOUSEKEEPING

- All Detachment Installation of Officers is completed for FY 24
- We were diligent in our efforts to complete the PLMs achieving 100%, but we still have some work to do with the Detachments struggling to regain their Tax Exempt status with the IRS.
- Scam e-mails are still being sent out. If the e-mail doesn't start with "Greetings Marines and Associates" or any variation of the membership, it did not emanate from me. If unsure; CALL ME!
- Calls/Texts/E-mails
- Please do not ask me to call/text/e-mail back if you do not leave a message telling me what it refers to.
- TACOM Rifle Report will be submitted following the Department Convention.

- Starting in May of 2024, National will no longer be sending Departments their rosters. The Department Paymasters will have the responsibilities of downloading/disseminating and sending out rosters to the Detachments.
- The MCL App for smartphones, now uses your “Profile ID” not member ID
- ALL DISTRICT VICE COMMANDANTS AND DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY MCL OFFICERS MUST SUBMIT REPORTS TO THE ADJUTANT WITHOUT EXCEPTION UNLESS A VALID REASON HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDANT! IN ADDITION, EACH REPORT SHALL BE SENT UNDER SEPARATE COVER TO THE COMMANDANT, SR. VICE COMMANDANT, JR. VICE COMMANDANT, JUDGE ADVOCATE AND PAYMASTER. IF A REPORT IS NOT SUBMITTED, IT WILL NOT BE READ AT THE DEPARTMENT MEETING.
- If your Detachment is hosting an event, please contact the webmaster so she can place the information on the website. The more potential people that are reached, the more successful your event can be.
- All of the Detachments in the Department have been scheduled for their installations with two that have been rescheduled.

Open Positions:

- District 3: Asst. District Vice Commandant (Air Land & Sea, Bayonne, West Hudson) Department of NJ Leadership School
- The Department’s annual Leadership School for 2025 is in the planning stage
- Northeast Division Conference for 2025 is also in the planning stage.
- 2024 National Convention will be held in Palm Springs California at The Westin Rancho Mirage Golf Resort and Spa, 7133 Dinah Shore Drive, Rancho Mirage, CA 92270. The Convention dates are Monday August 12, 2024, through August 16, 2024. Details can be found on the National Website.
You will not be able to book more than two room reservations in advance. Thirty days prior to the convention YOU MUST change the name of the second room. Cutoff date for reservations is July 8, 2024. Hotel Reservations Phone is (888) 627-7086. Use Reservation Code: MCL or Marine Corps League.
- 2025 National Convention will be held in Grapevine TX (about an hour outside of Dallas, Texas) at the Hyatt. There is Complimentary parking and free shuttles. The Room rates are \$159 flat with breakfast for 2 daily. These rates are good three days before and after the National Convention. Dates of convention August 8, 2025 through August 17, 2025. Monday the 12th would be the first day of the convention.
- After the close of the convention, the John Basilone Parade will be one of our next events. It is scheduled to take place on Sunday, 22 September 2024. Please make plans accordingly to attend if possible.

Additionally, I will be asking for Detachment Installation Dates for FY25.

Lastly, application for the use of Sea Girt for the 2024-2025 year will be submitted in July.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael J. Waluk

Commandant Waluk also thanked all detachments for their support. However, he stressed that more attendance and support is needed in the future to avoid a one-day convention. He stressed that our convention should be about more than just the banquet. He also stressed the need to increase recruitment efforts since we have lost a significant number of members due to deaths.

Commandant Waluk requested that the 2025-2026 budget include a line item for the Chaplain of the Four Chaplains. The chairman of the Chaplain of the Four Chaplains should not have to put out money from their own pocket to provide the event, as Paul Thompson has done at St. Stephens. The amount can be discussed at a later date. Sr. Vice Commandant Soldano informed the members that in the past the Chapel of the Four Chaplains was sponsored by the individual detachments. The detachment sponsors would rotate throughout the years. If we go back to that way of sponsoring the Four Chaplains event or if each detachment pledged a small donation to this budget item it could be covered. This would eliminate the Four Chaplains costing the department money that it does not have available. Most of the nominations for the Legion of Honor come from detachments for their members. This would eliminate a member paying for this event out of their own pocket as is being done by our current Chaplain, Paul Thompson. Our department currently has 34 detachments and if each detachment donated \$50.00-\$100.00 a year, the event could be easily funded since it is only held once and sometimes twice a year. Commandant Waluk also stated that if detachments participate in the department raffles, take ads in the ad book and other fund-raising projects, the department could cover the expense. He would hope that detachments would take part in department fund raising projects so that department doesn't have to reach out to detachments for donations.

Senior Vice Commandant:

TO: Mike Waluk, Commandant-Department of New Jersey

FROM: Christopher Soldano, Sr. Vice Commandant-Department of New Jersey

RE: Sr. Vice Commandant Report, Period of November 2023 – March 2024

Sir Commandant,

The focus of this report will be to discuss two subjects. The first being detachment monthly reports and associated numbers, the second will be the 990 issues and compliance.

Monthly Reports:

In the last meeting I reported the numbers all the way up to March. As we have only had April as the reporting period prior to this convention, I can only report that month. For the month of April and as of the writing of this report, I have only received 13 reports. This is less than last month. I will say however, that there was at least one new report from a detachment that I have not received one from at all this year, so I am at least happy about that. Our overall percentage of reports that are turned in is currently less than 50% for the year. That is unfortunate.

Please make note that reports are due by the 5th of the month for the PRIOR months' activity and numbers. Please check your information and make sure it is accurate. If you need to send in the report a little early or late, I am fine with that but please send them in.

Compliance & 990's:

Compliance is something we seem to be beating to death, but it must be continuously worked on. As time has gone on, we have managed to increase the amount of information that is correct and have eliminated several issues. However, we are not done. This is a very important process and one that needs the attention of its officers.

We cannot have ROI's with incorrect information on them. That causes the whole document to be null and void and could potentially cause other issues for the detachment. If you have multiple entities under your detachment, for example and auxiliary or another foundation that you control, those organizations both have their own EINs and you must make sure you are using the proper one for your own detachment and not one of theirs.

Please continue to keep track of your information and statuses. We have come a long way, and I would love for us to be 100% compliant soon. In this past year we have fixed many issues across the Department and have gone from 16 detachments with issues to only 8. That is a 50% improvement and has brought our compliance percentage from 50% to 75%. I thank and congratulate those that have made that possible. With that, I do have some unfortunate news.

Those that have made no attempt to rectify their situation or send us information on what they are doing to change their status, may unfortunately end up losing their charters by the end of the next fiscal year. Please look at your information and please send me something to let me know you are working on it.

Our organization is only as good as the members who are in it, make it! As it is stated, for all our members, you cannot idly stand aside and let others do everything, we must all do our part to ensure our growth and our way of life. We as officers are merely a tool for the members to use, to help them succeed. Use the tools you have at your disposal.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Soldano

Christopher Soldano
Christopher "Tool" Soldano
Sr. Vice Commandant
Dept. of N.J.
Marine Corps League

Senior Vice Commandant Soldano stated that his goal for the coming year is to attend at least one meeting of every detachment and sit down with the members and discuss any problems or

issues they have filing 990's, ROI's, monthly reports or other documents. He stressed that the department officers are there to assist and serve as a resource for detachments.

0950 - A 10 minute recess was called to allow the MCLA members to leave and attend their meeting. Bible was closed and meeting was recessed until 1000.

Junior Vice Commandant:

Membership renewals for 2023-2024 were really well. We had 4 Detachments below 90%. Of those four 2 were above 88%. One Detachment was the Jersey Shore Leathernecks who surrendered their charter was carried on this year's rolls. Our Department ended with a strength of over 93% Those are good numbers but this year I look forward to doing even better with all Detachments over 90%.

PLM's I happy to report 100% was turned into National. This would not have been possible without the help of Tony and Mike. We worked super hard with all the Detachments and was able to get it in before the deadline. A big thanks to both of these Marines.

The Convention is being put on this year but without the support and participation of the Detachments, we the Board of Trustees will have to sit down and discuss how we move forward next year. We need more members to show up and get more involved. I would also like to thank Chris who has really helped with this convention. His knowledge of the working and doing the numbers to put on this event is truly an asset.

I would also like to thank the Board as a whole. In February I lost my cousin who was more of a big brother to me. Right after that I got the Flu and was sick for the month of April. And just when things seem to be on the up I lost an Uncle. But through it all when 1 Marine needs help their brothers and sisters are there to help pick up the load. To this Board, all the Detachments, and the Department as a whole, it has been my privilege to serve as your Jr. Vice Commandant and I look forward to another year serving in the position.

This concludes my report for the 4th quarter, Respectfully Submitted

Robert L Sheppard
Jr. Vice Commandant
Department Of N.J.
Marine Corps League

Judge Advocate:

William G. Sebastian
Judge Advocate
Department of New Jersey
Marine Corps League
4th Quarter Report

May 2024
Marines,

As of this writing I have not received a signed copy of our bylaws from the National Judge Advocate. I did receive a verbal approval from him months ago. In this quarter I attended a few

District-10 detachment meetings as well as the funeral of Joan Pianka of the Semper Fidelis Detachment. Joan had served as the detachment adjutant and head of the Eagle Scout committee for many years. She was also very active as a Devil Dog with Pound 96. She will be truly missed.

Much of my time this quarter was used to help my wife recover from a hip replacement. With the little time remaining I was able to work on the requirements of the Hospitality Suite for this Department Convention. I was fortunate to have the assistance of the department staff in this endeavor. As the one at the bottom of the department ladder, I am amazed at the willingness of those ahead of me to reach down and help to lift those below them up. They truly want them to succeed in the climb. Not for themselves but rather for the strength of the department. From the Commandant on down, they are there to help and guide you. The Esprit de Corps is in all of us and seems to strengthen with each step up the ladder. All staff members, both current and past, have in one way or another, guided the new members in their respective roles. It takes a well-trained team, working together, to obtain the results expected by Division and National. The bottom line is if there are individuals within the department that are thinking about putting a foot on that first rung of the ladder, but are hesitant, trust in the fact that those above will lift you up. Then like me, enjoy the climb.

To date I have collected donations for the department's sale of chances from all but 12 detachments. It is expected that many of those will turn in their checks and stubs, just before or at the convention. The department paymaster will report on the actual figures after computing income and expenses. This concludes my report.

Respectfully submitted,
William G. Sebastian

Quartermaster:

DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

May 30, 2024

To: Michael Waluk, Commandant, Dept. of NJ

From: Robert J. Kubinak, Dept. of NJ Quartermaster

Subject: Quartermaster's Report

Period: June 8, 2023 – May 30, 2024

Opening Balance: \$2,834.42

Total Deposits: 6/8/2023-5/29/2024: \$4,489.84

Balance: \$7,324.26

Total Expenses: 6/8/2023-5/29/2024 \$4,749.71

Ending Balance: \$2,574.55

(A detailed expenditure sheet is on file)

Respectfully submitted,
Robert J Kubinak

Paymaster Report: Report has been filed.

License Plate Report:**LICENSE PLATE REPORT 17 APRIL TO 23 MAY 2024**

SINCE THE START OF THE FISCAL YEAR WE HAVE THE FOLLOWING.

19 PLATES HAVE BEEN ISSUED

4 TRANSFERS

1 REPLACEMENT PLATE

SEMPER FIDELIS

PDC TONY MODZELEWSKI

LICENSE PLATE LIAISON

DEPT. OF NJ MCL

Membership Report:

NEW MEMBERS	72
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NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS	27
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NEW LIFE MEMBERS	2
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RE-INSTATED MEMBERS	18
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DECEASED MEMBERS	70
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Semper Fidelis

PDC Tony Modzelewski

Membership Chairman

Dept. of NJ MCL

Chaplains Report:

Total NOD's from 7/1/2023-5/28/2024- #64 NOD's

Four Chaplains Report:

February 4th is the annual Four Chaplains Mass in Kearney, NJ

NJ Paramus Veterans Home Report:

They are currently doing some remodeling for improved ventilation.

Legislative report:

There are over two dozen Veterans Bills up for review right now at the NJ Senate.

All of them are at the 25% progress level.

You can view all of them at [CONGRESS.GOV](https://www.congress.gov).

What that means to us is that in reality, nothing is going to be approved anytime soon, especially with summer recess coming.

DMAVA Report:

In my last report, the key item that was discussed, is the possible split up of DMAVA into two departments.

Nothing has been decided though.

Our next meeting is on June 19th at 10:00 am. I will be attending, and will let everyone know what was discussed in my next reporting.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

District 1:

As District One Vice Commandant I attended the Installation of the Cpl Kelvin Reinhard Det. The installation of the Central Jersey Leatherneck and the Installation of the Martin Danowski Det. The Department of NJ MCL Commandant Mike Waluk was the Installing Officer.

Scouting:

To: MCL Department of New Jersey

From: Wian, C. F. Eagle Scouts Chairman

Date: May 30, 2024

Ref: Eagle Scouts Report from Jan 1st to May 31st, 2024.

Sr. Commandant,

Forward Eagle Scouts applications to District Vices: **43**

Delivered & completed: **20**.

Scheduled to complete: **19**.

Not Completed by a Detachment: **4**.

The Detachment has NOT responded to Numerous emails from Myself nor to the District Vice Commandant. And the matter was forwarded to the Department Sr. Vice Commandant, for assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles F. Wian

Dept. of New Jersey

Eagle Scout Chairman.

District 1:

Martin Danowski Det April- May 2024

1. Danowski had their Installation on May 13, 2024. Mike Waluk was the installation Officer.
2. On Friday, May 27, 2024, placed flags on monument at the Mt Calvary Cemetery.
3. On May 27, 2024 attended a Wreath placement for 12 monuments around the City of Linden.

Central Jersey Leatherneck April-May 2024

1. Had their nomination in March and April, and their installation was on April 15, 2024. Mike Waluk was the installation officer.
2. Attended a Memorial Parade and flag placing for the City of Roselle on May 26, 2024.
3. In June they will be having a rose program fundraiser.

Cpl Kelvin Reinhard April-May 2024

1. Had their nomination in April and their installation on May 9, 2024. Mike Waluk was the Installation Officer.
2. A new member joined in April.
3. Attending the Memorial Day parade for the City of Woodbridge.
4. Also attending a Flag Day for the City of Woodbridge.

JJ Gardner April-May 2024

1. On May 21, 2024 had a graveside memorial at the Redeemer Cemetery in Plainfield Nj, in honor of our nation's fallen vets and their past members. After their ceremony they had their detachment meeting.

District 2:

Lakeland Detachment

1. 2 Eagle Scout Courts of Honor.
2. Inducted 3 new members
3. Held Golf Outing
4. Held 2 Saturday Breakfasts
5. Donated \$4400 to various Veteran programs
6. A member attended Leadership school
7. Participated in Memorial Day ceremonies and Parades

Gooney Bird Detachment

1. Attended 20 +Eagle Scout Courts of Honor
2. Had detachment meeting.
3. Rose Program
4. Attended Memorial Day ceremony in Teaneck
5. Attended Teaneck's Memorial Day Ceremony
6. 2 members attended Leadership school

Passaic Detachment

1. Annual Installation of Officers and Pot-luck Dinner at the American Legion Post 238 in Woodland Park
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3. Commandant and Members attended the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall Dedication and Opening Ceremony
4. Detachment meeting
5. Members attended Memorial Day Ceremony with eighth grade students hosted by Memorial School, Woodland Park
6. Commandant and Members participated in the Memorial Day Parade in Totowa
7. Commandant and Members attended three ceremonies:
8. -Fireman's Memorial Ceremony hosted by the West Paterson Fire Dept. (Mc. Bride Ave. and Memorial Dr.), Woodland Park
9. -KIA Memorial Ceremony hosted by the American Legion Post 238. (Memorial Dr.), Woodland Park

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 - KIA Memorial Ceremony hosted by the American Legion Post 238. (Memorial Dr.), Woodland Park

Barker Detachment.

No Report

District 4

District 5

District 6

Activity for district six, month of April 2024.

#203 Cpl. Reynolds Det.

1st purchased new computer & printer for Commandant, Organization equipment

8th regular meeting

10th Memorial Day parade meeting Freehold

13th N/E Div Con.

17th Memorial Day parade meeting Freehold

21st DNJMCL meeting

24th Memorial Day parade meeting Freehold

29th Golf fund raiser Pebble Creek CC

#1319 Jersey Shore Marines

1st regular meeting. New member: Steven Magnotta

* John Mihok attended Memorial Day parade meeting with VFW commander

Glen Miller. 4 to 6 MCL members will march with VFW in Manasquan. Three wreaths will be purchased 1:VFW, 2:MCL and 3:MOPH for ceremony. John McCabe is commander of Purple Heart post #781 and is a member of all three units listed above.

R/s,

Ed Temple

District 7

District 8

District 9

Lance Corporal Robert J Slattery Detachment 206

Did two more Eagles scout awards with more to come. Took part in the Commission of the USS Canley, which was named Gunnery Sgt. Canley Congressional Medal of Honor, for actions in Hue City 1968 Tet Offensive, Vietnam. Vietnam veterans and past commence of the Slattery detachment, Eddie, Neas and Paul Brown, who served with Gunny Canley were in attendance.

Slattery represented once again the Marine Corps league in the Morristown St. Patrick's Day parade, regardless of less than perfect weather the grunts this proud detachment stood held formation.

Lance Corporal Jeffrey S Patterson Detachment 747

1. manned a stand at the annual Home and Garden Show in Sussex County on 6 April.
2. Scholarship applications were due on 15 April. Applications received will be judged according to Detachment regulations.
3. Birthday Ball date, Friday--8 November-- and venue, Crystal Springs, has been selected. Preparations required will be addressed monthly.
4. Preparations for "Grave Flags" is underway. Cemetery assignments (Sussex County) and flag purchases are under consideration for this annual event.
5. Plans and applications for the annual events conducted at the State Fair and the NJ German Christmas Market are on the table of coming events.
6. Information and plans to take a more proactive stance against the dangers of PTSD are being pursued by the Detachment
7. Other events that will require attention before the coming of Fall will include the submission of the required "Annual Report" to the State, Rifle Reports to TACOM and the Department, and the Annual Gravesite Ceremony for Jeffrey S. Patterson, our namesake.
8. The Detachment may also be considering the sponsorship of a "Riding Platoon" in the future. This is only at the discussion stage however.

Hunterdon County Bulldogs Detachment 927

The Bulldogs regret to announce the loss of devoted and dedicated member, Bruce McBride our Chaplain who passed recently. It was a great loss to us and to all those lives that Bruce touched. The Bulldogs have been actively working for our third annual golf outing to support scholarships for veterans families in Hunterdon county. Our first two have been a major success. In addition, work towards our next birthday ball is in progress. On a note, our first birthday ball was with immense gratitude and anticipation for the next ball not just by Marines in our area but by local veterans of all armed forces that have served and are living in or around Hunterdon County. The Bulldogs work tirelessly for the Marine Corps League and our veterans in need. As do each detachment in district 9, of which I am honored to report to the department of New Jersey.

District 10

FROM 04/21/2024 UNTIL 05/25/2024 10TH
DISTRICT REPORT

TO: DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY MCL STATE COMMANDANT MICHAEL WALUK
04/21 ATTENDED DEPARTMENT STATE MEETING
05/01 ATTENDED 1775 DETACHMENT MEETING
05/06 ATTENDED SEMPER FIDELIS DETACHMENT MEETING
05/07 ATTENDED OUR COMMUNITY SALUTE DINNER
05/10 ATTENDED PFC GIORDANO DETACHMENT INSTALLATION
05/14 ATTENDED STAND DOWN OF SOUTH JERSEY MEETING
05/20 ATTENDED SEMPER FIDELIS DETACHMENT MEETING DURING THIS PERIOD I
ATTENDED 4 DETACHMENT MEETINGS AND 1 DEPARTMENT MEETING AND 1 SDSJ
MEETING
1775 DETACHMENT STILL WORKING ON THEIR 990 TO GET REINSTATED WITH THE IRS
PLANING FOR THEIR UP COMING DETACHMENT PINIC IN AUGUST

SF DETACHMENT ATTENDED 5 EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONORS CONDUCTED
COLOR GUARD DETAIL FOR TOTAL TURF
GIORDANO DETACHMENT MEMBERS ATTENDED OUR COMMUNITY SALUTE DINNER
FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS GOING INTO THE MILITARY HELD THEIR INSTALLATION
OF OFFICERS

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED GARY SWATSON 10 DISTRICT
VICE COMMANDANT

District 11

Casper A. Everhard Jr. (Cappy)
Department Of New Jersey Dist. #11 Vice Commandant
Asst. Vice Commandant Antonio Paredes
John Basilone Detachment

Busy in the community with Parades. Funeral services, flag ceremonies and Final Salutes. Finally getting some stores to allow fund raising and looking for new venues. They donated \$200.00 to a food pantry. Chaplain mentioned members are still dealing with medical issues while others are recovering.

Road Detachment

Starting to do fund raising. Just installed a new slate of officers Working with the new paymaster to get banking issues straightened out. Also, ways to recruit new members. They plan on attending local Memorial Day Ceremonies.

Page Detachment

Had installation of officers. Next meeting will be in June.

Tinker Dorn Detachment

Working on the PK Dorn Golf Outing to be held on July 15th at Pebble Creek Golf course in Colts Neck. Conducted Memorial Day Service for Phillip K.Dorn.

Cappy Everhard also reported that he and Commandant Waluk attended the Memorial Day Ceremony at the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial in Holmdel, NJ.

Leadership School 2025 tentative date is 12 April 2025. The same rules will apply. Materials will be updated and available for download from the website. Still limited to 40 attendees. Members need to be encouraged to attend. There were times in the past when members had to be turned away. Members can always attend as a refresher course.

Convention Credentials:

TO: Department of New Jersey Marine Corps League Board of Trustees
FROM: Tracy Diminick, Credentials Chair – Department of New Jersey
RE: Credentials Chair Report
Greetings,

The registration information for the 2024 Department Convention. I've updated registration tracking files for 2024 in preparation for the convention and printed name badges for each member registered.

Here are the registrations for each detachment that I have as of today:

Total Possible Voting Strength: 2, 467

Registered Voting strength based on registrations: 857

Registered: 101

Numbers as of 29 May 2024: 101

Delegates: 87

Alternates: 2

Associates: 12

Guests: 0

Dogs preregistered: 38

We have 27 less preregistered members than last year, 2023

The number registered is always higher than the number of attendees.

Tracy Diminick announced that she has recently moved to Pennsylvania and as a result will step down as Credentials Chair. She requested that anyone that is interested in the position of Credential Chair or Assistant reach out to her or Mary Soldano for information and assistance. Commandant Waluk thanked her for everything that she has done and wished her well and that she is always welcome in NJ.

Commandant Waluk discussed the change of venue over the years. Seaview costs got too expensive, and a location was searched for that was centrally located. It is possible that venue location plays a part in attendance. Other locations are being investigated. Members make the League, and they need to participate.

VAVS-Lyons:

HPDC Don Mack reported that there have been major changes on what is permitted by volunteers. Scheduling with Lyons is difficult but hopefully it will become easier soon.

Homeless Veterans:

HOMELESS VETERANS REPORT FROM 04/21/2024 UNTILL 05/25/2024

TO: DEPARTMENT OF NJ MCL STATE COMMANDANT MICHAEL WALUK

THE ATLANTIC CITY REGIONAL STAND DOWN WAS HELD ON MAY 24,2024

REPORT OF FINAL NUMBERS WILL BE PASSED ALONG AT A LATER DATE ONCE I RECEIVE THEM

STAND DOWN OF SOUTH JERSEY IS SET FOR SEPT. 27, 2024, FROM 0830 TILL 1200 HOURS VOLUNTEER FORMS ARE ON LINE

THIS CONCLUDES MY REPORT FOR THE HOMELESS VETERANS

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

HOMELESS VETERANS' CHAIRMAN

GARY S WATSON

Marine of the Year and Associate of the Year committees met to review submissions.

Budget:

Paymaster presented the budget for 2024-2025. Members were reminded that if you increase disbursements you need to increase income or you will not have a balanced budget. A motion was made by Bill Wilson, seconded by Dom Shterban and carried to approve the budget presented for the Department of New Jersey Marine Corps League for 2024-2025.

PDC Bill Wilson thanked the League for all the cards, emails, and calls he received on the passing of his daughter on 1 May 2024. The support was greatly appreciated.

Recess for lunch was called at 1135 and business will resume at 1300.

Meeting resumed and numerous awards were presented from last year:

2nd Place Eagle Scouts-Burlington County Det.

Alexander Ormsby Award under 125-John Basilone Det.

Certificates for 2024:

Dept Staff: Distinguished Citizen Silver-Jr. Vice Robert Sheppard
Judge Advocate-William Sebastien
Paymaster-Tony Modzelewski
Sgt. At Arms-Jason Hauck
Dist. 2 Vice-Al Frater
Dist. 10 Vice-Gary Watson
Dist. 11 Vice-Cappy Everhard
Asst. Dist. 2 Vice-Rhonda Pekow
Homeless Vets-Gary Watson
Credential-Tracy Diminick
License Plates-Tony Modzelewski
Historian-Robert Maras
Quartermaster-Bob Kubinak
Scouting-Charles Wian

Too much noise on tape and could not hear award-Bobbiann Swain

Uniforms-Robert Sheppard

Webmaster-Mary Soldano

Detachment Awards: Distinguished Service Awards were presented to members or district vice commandants if recipients were not present.

Meritorious Awards were presented to various detachments.

VAVS Awards were presented to various members.

Award certificates were presented to the hotel staff in appreciation of the help and assistance.

NE Division Certificates of Appreciation were presented to detachments for their help and support at the NE Division.

A motion was made to recess the convention until 0900 Friday, 1 June 2024 by Sr, Vice Christopher Soldano, seconded by Charles Wian and carried.

1 June 2024

Meeting was called to order from recess at 0920

Introduction of Guests/Dignitaries:

Michael Waluk-National Vice Commandant Northeast Division

Joe DeAngelo-Jr. Vice Chief Devil Dog

Jason Hauck-Northeast Division Vice Chief Devil Dog

Tony Modselewski-Past Northeast Division Vice Commandant, Past Dept. Commandant

Barb DeAngelo-Past Pack Leader

Following several announcements business continued with various reports listed below.

Dist. 9

District 9 Report 2024

Lance Corporal Robert J Slattery Detachment 206

Did two more Eagles scout awards with more to come. Took part in the Commission of the USS Canley, which was named Gunner Sgt. Canley Congressional Medal of Honor, for actions in Hue City 1968 Tet Offensive, Vietnam. Vietnam veterans and past commandant of the Slattery detachment, Eddie, Neas and Paul Brown, who served with Gunny Canley were in attendance.

Slattery represented once again the Marine Corps league in the Morristown St. Patrick's Day parade, regardless of less than perfect weather the grunts this proud detachment stood held formation.

Lance Corporal Jeffrey S Patterson Detachment 747

1. manned a stand at the annual Home and Garden Show in Sussex County on 6 April.
2. Scholarship applications were due on 15 April. Applications received will be judged according to Detachment regulations.
3. Birthday Ball date, Friday--8 November-- and venue, Crystal Springs, has been selected. Preparations required will be addressed monthly.
4. Preparations for "Grave Flags" is underway. Cemetery assignments (Sussex County) and flag purchases are under consideration for this annual event.
5. Plans and applications for the annual events conducted at the State Fair and the NJ German Christmas Market are on the table of coming events.
6. Information and plans to take a more proactive stance against the dangers of PTSD are being pursued by the Detachment
7. Other events that will require attention before the coming of Fall will include the submission of the required "Annual Report" to the State, Rifle Reports to TACOM and the Department, and the Annual Gravesite Ceremony for Jeffrey S. Patterson, our namesake.
8. The Detachment may also be considering the sponsorship of a "Riding Platoon" in the future. This is only at the discussion stage however.

Hunterdon County Bulldogs Detachment 927

The Bulldogs regret to announce the loss of devoted and dedicated member, Bruce McBride our Chaplain who passed recently. It was a great loss to us and to all those lives that Bruce touched. The Bulldogs have been actively working for our third annual golf outing to support scholarships for veterans families in Hunterdon county. Our first two have been a major success. In addition, work towards our next birthday ball is in progress. On a note, our first birthday ball was with immense gratitude and anticipation for the next ball not just by Marines in our area but by local veterans of all armed forces that have served and are living in or around Hunterdon County. The Bulldogs work

tirelessly for the Marine Corps League and our veterans in need. As do each detachment in district 9, of which I am honored to report to the department of New Jersey.

Dist. 3

Marine Corp League

Air Land & Sea detachments

May 31, 2024

Re: Marine Corp League May 2024, department meeting

5/13/2024 Myself and chaplain Nick Valdez, performed a memorial service for west Hudson detachment Marine for Charlie Garabedian, In Rutherford, NJ

5/15/2024 May 2024 monthly meeting

5/16/2024 Bingo at Menlo Park Veteran Home

5/17/2024 can shake at ShopRite, Nutley, NJ

5/23/2024 Annual Memorial day parade in Kearny, NJ

5/23/2024 cooked hotdogs for Jr ROTC from Ellizabeth, NJ for marching in parade.

5/24/2024 Wreath for Veterans Memorial Monuments, at Arlington Cemetery, Kearny, NJ

5/26/2024 memorial service at Arlington cemetery, Kearny, NJ Senior Vice Sean Glennon played TAPS

5/26/2024 West Hudson detachment Annual pig Roast

5/28/2024 four Chaplain closing ceremony at Saint Stephen's church

Jack Engdahl, Commandant, west Hudson detachment Kearny, NJ

Juan Garcia

Past Commandants Report-Joe DeAngelo

Past Commandants present were Bill Wilson, Don Mack, Tony Modzelewski and Joe DeAngelo at Past Commandants breakfast. Took up a collection and collected \$100.00 for the Scholarship Fund. Harry Prince also donated but not at breakfast. PC's discuss what has happened over the course of the year and what could possibly be done in the future to make an impact on the department. On the department level, if you take a job, do the job. Don't just take a position for the cover. This applies to all levels and all positions. He cited the attendance at the convention. Joe stressed that as a department members need to be encouraged to attend department meetings and other events. Dist. Vices need to get to detachments and pass on the word from the department and vice versa. The Department Commandant can't do all the work. We can't use Covid as an excuse any longer. Without participation and support the department will not be able to afford a convention that runs longer than one day. The most important thing lost would be the camaraderie. District vices or assistant district vices should visit their detachments at least once a quarter. Reports should be turned in and be detailed. Responsibilities and duties of department staff officers were also discussed. Installations should consist of more than just an Installing Officer.

Commandant Waluk commented that in the past a District Vice was always present at detachment installations to act as Chaplain. Dept. Sgt. At Arms would serve in that position for the installation.

Barb DeAngelo commented that perhaps an announcement could be made at the banquet. Welcome the members who attend and tell them that missed some important information and quality time spent with sisters and brothers. There may be programs that you can help us make better. Basically, say we missed you!

Murray Sklar Role Model Award-nominations have been received and a selection has been made.

Youth Physical Fitness-a liaison has been established with the Marine Corps JROTC instructor in Elizabeth. This Master Sgt. Roberts holds two meets each year. Commandant Waluk attended both meets. He wants to work with us and have us participate. He will encourage Vince Schlesier to contact the Master Sgt. Roberts. National is also starting to encourage participation.

Warrior Fund:

WARRIOR FUND

Department of New Jersey • Marine Corps League

May 30, 2024

This year, the Department of New Jersey Marine Corps League Warrior Fund has raised \$4,000 for Rebuilding Warriors. Unfortunately, Jeff Mullins from Rebuilding Warriors is unable to make the convention and the check will be sent to him. This is our lowest donation to date and look forward to more Detachments donating and getting involved in the future.

Donations are still being accepted from Detachments and private entities, and all proceeds will be given directly to Rebuilding Warriors so that a veteran in need can be furnished with a K9.

BRIAN

Brian Gillespie, Chairman

Dept of NJ MCL Warrior Fund

Scholarship Fund:

DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY

SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

May 30, 2024

The scholarship fund is \$20,046.28. We continually ask that all Detachments help to support the Department of New Jersey MCL/MODD Scholarship throughout the year, and we thank those that have donated yearly. If a member of your Detachment has received a scholarship, please reciprocate. The money goes directly to the student for whatever they may need, not the college.

Applications are now closed for 2024. The Scholarship Committee consists of myself as Chairman with Don Mack and Mike Apricena as committee members. This year we had 15 applications and only 13 were eligible. 1 scholarship was received from a NJ HS student whose sponsor was from a Detachment in AZ. It clearly stated on the front page of the application that "this scholarship is intended for the children and grandchildren of members of the Department of New Jersey Marine Corps League". The other ineligible application was from a student who graduated HS in 2021.

This scholarship is available to HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS ONLY. The National MCL Scholarship is yearly. Those eligible are immediate family such as child or grandchild. Also, eligible after it was brought to our attention last year, are home schooled children and those attending trade schools.

BRIAN

Brian Gillespie, Chairman

Department of NJ Scholarship Committee

Brian read the names of the recipients, high school, college attending and sponsoring member and detachment. Each recipient will receive \$500.00.

Tracy Diminick, Commandant of Hunterdon County Bulldogs Detachment, presented a check for \$500.00 to the Warrior Fund and \$500.00 to the Scholarship fund from the detachment.

Four Chaplains South:

Chapel of Four Chaplains South is the first Saturday in May. Only one nomination was received. The award will be presented to the recipient at their detachment meeting.

Dom Shterban

Credentials: Commandant Waluk checked with credentials and two more members registered.

Webmaster:

May 29, 2024

TO: Department of New Jersey Marine Corps League Board of Trustees

FROM: Mary Soldano

RE: Webmaster Report 4/20/24 to 5/29/24

Greetings,

Since my last report, the following pages were updated:

- The home page was updated with the 2024 Convention Schedule and I removed the convention deadlines and the past featured events
- The convention page was updated with the schedule and the deadline schedules were removed.
- Outdated applications were removed from the forms and docs page and the 2024 Convention Schedule was added
- The resources page was updated

The following rosters have been updated and uploaded to the website:

- Detachment Commandants – 2 updates
- District and Detachments – 2 updates
- Dept Staff – 1 update
- NJ Pack – 1 update

Here is a summary of the website care report and analytics for the period 4/20/24 to 5/29/24:

- Updates performed: 1
- Backups created: 39
- Overall uptime: 99.882%
- Active users: 1.4K
- New users: 1.2K
- Pageviews 2.6K
- Engagement rate: 63.19%

I can be reached via phone at the number 908-200-9611 or via email at webmaster@dnmcl.org.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Soldano

Webmaster

Dept. of NJ Marine Corps League

Mary encouraged detachments to send her flyers or other information pertaining to upcoming events and she will post them on the department website. Commandant Waluk requested that when you email information about an event copy the board but send the posting to Mary Soldano so that your event can be posted in a timely manner.

Additional awards were presented:

Distinguished Citizen Award-Brian Gillispie

Distinguished Citizen Award- Larry Markiewicz

Meritorious Unit Award-Central Jersey Leathernecks Detachment

Meritorious Unit Award- Jersey Shore Marines Detachment
Distinguished Citizen Award-Karen Neary
Meritorious Unit Award-Basilone Detachment
NE Div. Meritorious Unit Award-Jersey Shore Marines
Distinguished Service Award Bronze-Howard Marshall

Sgt. At Arms and Assistant Sgt. At Arms distributed information to members regarding the bios for the Marines seeking the office of National Judge Advocate.

The department had no bylaw change recommendations this year.

The department is still awaiting our signed bylaws to be returned from National.

Recess was called until 1115

Meeting was resumed at 1120

Memorial Service was conducted by HPDC Don Mack and MCLA Dept. of NJ Chaplain Sara Velcheck

VAVS Award: Gary Watson had recommended several members from his district to receive the VAVS Award. Gary collected the awards to be presented to these members.
Awards were presented to: Dom Shterban and Robert Sheppard

Recess was called at 1145 to resume at 1300

Meeting was resumed at 1300

Round Table/Commandant's Council:

(Note: The recorder may not have been on at the start of this discussion.)

Senior Vice Christopher Soldano shared information from the Round Table/Commandant's Council meeting prior to the start of the morning session at 0900. This Round Table will now be called the Detachment Round Table. One of the ideas shared at the round table was the possibility of having vendors at our convention. Vendors would not only provide a service to members but might sponsor a lunch or provide some other type of financial assistance. Communication is always an issue and perhaps we don't all communicate to the best of our ability. It is requested from the top down that when going to detachments notification is provided to the districts and detachments prior to these visits. This notification will hopefully allow for more participation and input. Detachments should also be informed of the reason for the visit so that it is not perceived as "the principal coming into the classroom." A suggestion was made by a member to have the department send out a letter to every detachment and new member welcoming them to the league and requesting input and suggestions. Our Paymaster stated that this is an easy thing to do once a letter is drafted and signed by the commandant. A suggestion was made to make a packet rather than just a letter, such as a patch, sticker, or pamphlet of the things we do as a league. Commandant Waluk expounded on that idea to include a detachment member bringing that new member to a department meeting where a packet can be present along with a certificate of membership and a membership ribbon. This will be a sign of solidarity. Chris stated that sometimes the best recruitment tool is not to recruit but rather to ask what can I do for you, how can I help you. A suggestion was made to include the date, time and location of the next department meeting in the welcoming letter. Many members don't know about department meetings, or they are permitted to attend department meetings. A suggestion was made regarding vendors at the convention and to invite the mobile VA to attend.

Members can meet with a service officer, file claims, etc. The earlier we request the mobile VA the more likely we are to have them in attendance. This is free and adheres to one of our missions of assisting veterans. Members can be reminded to bring their DD214 and any other documents necessary for them to meet with a service officer. A question was raised regarding the possibility of producing a department newsletter. This newsletter could go out to all members and would include minutes from the last meeting, upcoming events, list of officers and contact information. This would require member emails being shared with the newsletter editor. Chris Soldano stated that there are marketing tools available that could easily be used for a mass mailing newsletter. It was suggested that this newsletter be a mini version of *Semper Fi Magazine* and would include special events of detachments, information from district vices, upcoming events, etc. It was stated that it is sad to see how participation has diminished because of Covid, lack of communication, and apathy. This is also happening at detachment levels. We need to do as much as possible to restore our camaraderie and friendships, not only for the good of the league but for each other. Chris stated that the meeting in the morning resulted in a productive discussion and possible solutions and the discussion among the members this afternoon added more ideas and solutions. He encouraged members to feel free to share any thoughts or ideas and he thanked all for participating and sharing ideas. Notes from the round table:

Detachment Roundtable

Notes that were taken from detachments present, other members who joined conversation. Opinions voiced and solutions talked about for the future.

1. Location for venue. Members would like more things to do with their family when the convention is not in session. Possible locations discussed were Sea View and Wildwood.
2. Department Staff will be going to Detachments for feedback from all members to see how we could do things better.
3. Bring Vendors to the convention to offer services to members, even try and get Corporate sponsors to donate to our Convention.
4. Participation. Require Detachments to have members attend the convention to get a Streamer.
5. Communication. From top on down so when going to a detachment notify other Detachments in the area for more attendance. Have Detachments send events to the Department to have posted on our website so the Department sees as whole.

Recess was called for 5-minutes and members should review the bios for the candidates for National Judge Advocate.

Meeting was resumed after a 5-minute recess

Brian Gillespie was called to the front to read a message from Bruce R. Rakfeldt. Marine Rakfeldt had a death in his family and could not attend our convention. This message is on the audio file.

Commandant Waluk informed the members that Robert Ziltz is on the campaign trail but has been with us in the past. Commandant Waluk read the bio for Marine Ziltz. This bio is on the audio file.

Members expressed concerns and opinions regarding both candidates which are on the audio file.

Members were informed that the Dept. of New Jersey bylaws state that 50% plus 1 member is necessary for a majority vote. A motion was made by PC Joe DeAngelo, seconded by Joe White and carried to suspend procedural vote by members present rather than delegate votes.

Members voted on paper ballots that were collected by the Sgt. At Arms. Senior Vice Commandant Christopher Soldano and Paymaster Tony Modzelewski counted the ballots. Sgt. At Arms reported the of eligible voters at 23. The vote was as follows:

Bruce Rakfeldt-20

Robert Ziltz-3

The Department of New Jersey will cast all its delegate votes for Bruce Rakfeldt.

Sr. Vice Chris Soldano encouraged detachments to register their full delegate strength for National Convention.

Department of New Jersey Election of Officers:

The election of officers was conducted by PNC Dennis Tobin.

Mary Soldano filled the position of Adjutant

Department Commandant:

Note: PNC Tobin informed members that nominations did not need to have a second

Christopher Soldano, delegate, nominated Michael Waluk for the office of Commandant, Department of New Jersey.

Michael Waluk acknowledged that if elected he would serve as Commandant, Department of New Jersey. After three (3) requests for any other nominations for the office of Commandant, Department of New Jersey nominations were closed.

Senior Vice Commandant:

Michael Waluk, delegate, nominated Christopher Soldano for the office of Senior Vice Commandant, Department of New Jersey.

Christopher Soldano acknowledged that if elected he would serve as Senior Vice Commandant, Department of New Jersey.

After three (3) requests for any other nominations for the office of Senior Vice Commandant, Department of New Jersey nominations were closed.

Junior Vice Commandant:

Christopher Soldano, delegate, nominated Robert Sheppard for the office of Junior Vice Commandant, Department of New Jersey.

Robert Sheppard acknowledged that if elected he would serve as Junior Vice Commandant, Department of New Jersey.

After three (3) requests for any other nominations for the office of Junior Vice Commandant, Department of New Jersey nominations were closed.

Judge Advocate:

Christopher Soldano, delegate, nominated William Sebastian for the office of Judge Advocate, Department of New Jersey.

William Sebastian acknowledged that if elected he would serve as Judge Advocate, Department of New Jersey.

After three (3) requests for any other nominations for the office of Judge Advocate, Department of New Jersey nominations were closed.

Paymaster:

Christopher Soldano, delegate, nominated Tony Modzelewski for the office of Paymaster, Department of New Jersey.

Tony Modzelewski acknowledged that if elected he would serve as Paymaster, Department of New Jersey.

After three (3) requests for any other nominations for the office of Paymaster, Department of New Jersey nominations were closed.

Acting Adjutant cast one vote for the slate of officers for 2024-2025.

Commandant Waluk thanked PNC Dennis Tobin for conducting the election of officers.

District Vice Commandants:

District 1-Pass

District 2

Elected Rhonda Pekow as District 2 Vice Commandant

Al Frater as District 2 Assistant Vice Commandant

District 3-Pass

District 4-Pass

District 5-Pass

District 6

Elected Ed Temple as District 6 Vice Commandant

Steven Lord as District 6 Assistant Vice Commandant

District 7-Pass

District 8-Pass

District 9

HPDC Don Mack as District 9 Vice Commandant

Assistant Vice Commandant-vacant

District 10

Gary Watson as District 10 Vice Commandant

William Sebastien as District 10 Assistant Vice Commandant

District 11

Casper “Cappy” Everhard as District 11 Vice Commandant

Antonio Parades as District 11 Assistant Vice Commandant

Installation of Officers:

Installation of Officers was conducted by PNC Dennis Tobin as Installing Officer

Sgt. At Arms-PDC Joe DeAngelo

Chaplain-Tracy Diminick

Unfinished Business: None

New Business-None

A motion was made to suspend the meeting until the dinner at 1800 by Barbara DeAngelo, seconded by Robert Sheppard and carried.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting of the 96th Convention of the Department of New Jersey.

Date and location of September 2024 meeting to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Neary

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Adjutant, Department of New Jersey